

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report [] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. []
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2022
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) NORTH-EASTERN TREE SERVICE INC. 1000 PONTIAC AVENUE CRANSTON, RI 02920
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 05-0401011
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 401-941-7204
2d Business code (see instructions) 238900

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
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| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 153 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 137 |
| | 6a(2) | 127 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 26 |
| | 6d | 153 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 153 |
| | 6g(1) | 153 |
| | 6g(2) | 153 |
| 6h | 0 | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2A 2E 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTH-EASTERN TREE SERVICE INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>05-0401011</u> | |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>CONTRACTORS RET. PLAN MASTER TRUST</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>FRINGE BENEFIT GROUP, INC.</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN <u>74-2485507-001</u> | d Entity code <u>E</u> | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2145057</u> |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH-EASTERN TREE SERVICE INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 05-0401011 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | | |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 176389 | 374444 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | 1656452 | 2145057 |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | | |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 1832841 | 2519501 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | | |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 1832841 | 2519501 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 626039 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 626039 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 7373 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 7373 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
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| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | 148414 |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 781826 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|---------------|-------|-------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 95166 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 95166 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 95166 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 686660 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: MORRIS & MORRIS, P.C.

(2) EIN: 04-2737404

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
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| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 200000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | X | | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | X | | |

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

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| 1 | | 0 |
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 13-3689044 33-6134385

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

| | | |
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| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | 6c | |

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

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| Part III | Amendments |
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

| | | |
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| a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14a | |
| b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14b | |
| c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14c | |

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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| a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | 15a | |
| b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | 15b | |

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

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| a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | 16a | |
| b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers..... | 16b | |

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
 Yes.
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
 No. Other. Provide explanation: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 24 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704152A.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

September 30, 2025

**TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN**
1000 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of The Contractors Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of The Contractors Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

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Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Contractors Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.



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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Contractors Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.



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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Contractors Retirement Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Contractors Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
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Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule Form 5500 - H, Part IV - Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year, as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Morris & Morris, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants



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THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

| | December 31 | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Investments, at Fair Value: | | |
| Plan's Interest in the Contractors Retirement Plan | | |
| Master Trust | \$ 2,145,057 | \$ 1,656,452 |
| Notes Receivable - Participants | 374,444 | 176,389 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 2,519,501 | \$ 1,832,841 |
| <u>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</u> | | |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 2,519,501 | \$ 1,832,841 |

The accompanying notes and independent auditors' report
are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year Ended December 31, 2024

ADDITIONS:

INVESTMENT INCOME:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Net Investment Income (Loss) from Investing in the Contractors Retirement Plan Master Trust | \$ 148,414 |
| Interest Income on Notes Receivable - Participants | <u>7,373</u> |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME | <u>155,787</u> |

CONTRIBUTIONS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Participant Contributions | - |
| Employer Contributions | 626,039 |
| Participant Rollover Contributions | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS | <u>626,039</u> |

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|-----------------|----------------|
| TOTAL ADDITIONS | <u>781,826</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|

DEDUCTIONS:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Distributions to Participants | 95,166 |
| Administrative Fees | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL DEDUCTIONS | <u>95,166</u> |

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| NET ADDITIONS | 686,660 |
|---------------|---------|

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| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, Beginning of Year | <u>1,832,841</u> |
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|---|---------------------|
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, End of Year | <u>\$ 2,519,501</u> |
|---|---------------------|

The accompanying notes and independent auditors' report are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2024

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN:

The following description of The Contractors Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions:

1. General Information

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all full-time employees of North-Eastern Tree Service, Inc. (the “Company”), except excluded employees as defined by the Plan. The Company is a member of a controlled group which includes North-Eastern Plant Health Care, Inc. and North-Eastern Tree Recycling & Mfg., Inc. These affiliated employers have also adopted the Plan as participating employers. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. The Board of Trustees oversees governance of the Plan. The plan administrator determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan’s Board of Trustees.

Effective October 15, 2022, the Plan was amended to permit participant loans.

The Plan’s investments are part of a 103-12 investment entity. A 103-12 entity is an arrangement consisting of two or more plans that are not members of a related group of employee benefit plans, whose underlying assets include the plan assets within the meaning of Title 29 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) Part 2510.3-101.

2. Administration

The Plan is administered by the Plan Sponsor in accordance with the Plan Agreement. The Plan Sponsor has appointed ERISA Smart, an investment trustee, as its custodian, to hold Plan assets, execute investment transactions, and administer the participants' accounts. Expenses for recordkeeping and benefit distributions of the Plan are paid by the Plan.

3. Eligibility

All employees are eligible to receive prevailing wage contributions and employer profit sharing contributions.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN: (Continued)

4. Contributions

The Company makes contributions on behalf of participants who perform work subject to prevailing wage laws to satisfy the fringe benefit requirements of the law. The Company may also elect to make discretionary profit-sharing contributions.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company contributed \$626,039 into the Plan.

5. Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in prevailing wage contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. The participant's interest in his/her account related to the employer profit sharing contributions are vested under the following schedule:

| <u>Years of Credited Service</u> | <u>Percent Vested</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Less than two years | 0% |
| At least two years but less than three years | 20% |
| At least three years but less than four years | 40% |
| At least four years but less than five years | 60% |
| At least five years but less than six years | 80% |
| Six years or more | 100% |

In the event of death, permanent disability or retirement, a participant's employer contribution account becomes fully vested.

6. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of both the Company's contribution and the current year's plan earnings, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based upon each participant's qualified compensation and account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN: (Continued)

7. Notes Receivable - Participants

Participants with a vested account balance of \$2,000 or more may borrow amounts not to exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or fifty percent (50%) of the Participant's vested account balance. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. The loan balance is secured by the participant's account and the interest rate is fixed at the inception of the loan at no higher than the Prime Rate. Repayment terms of each loan are determined by each Participant, but may not exceed sixty (60) months, unless the loan is for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the loan term may not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) months. At December 31, 2024, interest rates ranged from 5.25% to 9.50%.

8. Payment of Benefits

Benefits under the Plan are distributed to Participants upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, or financial hardship, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account.

A Participant can keep the funds in the investment accounts until the participant gives authority to terminate the relationship, at which time the participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution or under a systematic withdrawal plan, as defined.

9. Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures represent non-vested employer contributions forfeited by participants who terminate their employment or withdraw from the Plan prior to vesting. At December 31, 2024, there were no forfeited non-vested accounts. Forfeitures can be used to pay Plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions.

10. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of a plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

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Year Ended December 31, 2024

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. Method of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), and issued in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“The Codification”), utilizing the accrual-basis method of accounting.

2. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are carried at fair value, which is determined based on the fair value of the investments of the Contractors Retirement Plan Master Trust (“Master Trust”). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors. See Note G. for discussion of fair value measurements.

The Plan presents in the statement of changes in the net assets available for benefits its net investment income (loss) from investment in the Master Trust, which includes its divided interest in the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments in the Master Trust (consisting of realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments) and interest and divided income. The Master Trust records purchases and sales of securities on a trade-date basis, interest income on the accrual basis, and dividends on the ex-dividend date.

3. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at December 31, 2024, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Actual results and amounts may differ from the estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements.

THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN

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B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

4. Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has provided an opinion letter dated August 24, 2020, that the prototype plan and related trust are acceptable under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

The Company is required to file an annual Form 5500, Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan. Annual tax filings are subject to examination for a period of three years after their filing date by the Department of Labor. Management is unaware of any current or pending examinations.

5. Notes Receivable – Participants

Notes Receivable - Participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

6. Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements.

THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN

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C. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE:

The Plan's investments and investment transactions were certified as complete and accurate by SMARTTS LLC dba SMART Trust Services (previously known as ERISA Smart), the Trustee of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024. In accordance with the request of the Plan Administrator and as allowed under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974, this information was not subjected to auditing procedures generally accepted in the United States of America, except for comparing such information to related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan, which was prepared by or derived from the information prepared by the Trustee and furnished to the Plan Administrator:

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Investments, at Fair Value | \$ 2,145,057 |
| Notes Receivable - Participants | 374,444 |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Net Investment Income (Loss) from Investing in the Contractors Retirement Plan Master Trust | 148,414 |
| Interest Income on Notes Receivable - Participants | 7,373 |

Additionally, the information disclosed in Note G. of the financial statements and the Supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at end-of-year were certified by the Trustee.

D. NOTES RECEIVABLE - PARTICIPANTS:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, Beginning of Year | \$ 176,389 |
| Plus: Loans Issued | 237,833 |
| Less: Loan Repayments | <u>(39,778)</u> |
| Balance, End of Year | <u>\$ 374,444</u> |

For the year ended December 31, 2024, interest earned on participant fund loans, included in interest income, amounted to \$7,373.

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E. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits.

F. INTEREST IN CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN MASTER TRUST:

The assets of the Plan are pooled and invested in the Master Trust. Each retirement plan has a divided interest in the Master Trust. The assets of the Master Trust are held by ERISA Smart, the trustee of the Plan.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, Administration of the Trust elected to consolidate the assets of the Trust to a single platform provider, and on December 28, 2023, all investments held by Nationwide Trust Company were transferred to Transamerica Life Insurance Company.

The value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the beginning of the year value of the Plan's interest in the trust, plus actual contributions and allocated investment income (loss), less actual distributions and allocated administrative expenses. Investment income (loss) is allocated based on each participants' specific investment. Administrative expenses related to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based on their market value compared to the Master Trust's total market value.

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F. INTEREST IN CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN MASTER TRUST: (Continued)

The following table presents the fair values of net assets for the Master Trust and Plan as of:

| <u>December 31, 2024</u> | <u>Master Trust Balances</u> | <u>Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Investments at Fair Value: | | |
| Pooled separate accounts | \$ 1,427,223,139 | \$ 2,145,057 |
| Insurance company general account | - | - |
| Collective Accounts | <u>1,338,183</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | <u>1,428,561,322</u> | <u>2,145,057</u> |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Investments at Contract Value | 25,507,673 | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,702,844 | - |
| Other receivables | <u>64,528</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>1,457,836,367</u> | <u>2,145,057</u> |
| Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>14,500</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Investments | <u>\$ 1,457,821,867</u> | <u>\$ 2,145,057</u> |

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F. INTEREST IN CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN MASTER TRUST: (Continued)

The following table presents the fair values of net assets for the Master Trust and Plan as of:
(Continued)

| <u>December 31, 2023</u> | <u>Master Trust Balances</u> | <u>Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Investments at Fair Value: | | |
| Pooled separate accounts | \$ 510,310,635 | \$ 1,656,452 |
| Insurance company general account | 1,013,072,811 | - |
| Collective Accounts | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | <u>1,523,383,446</u> | <u>1,656,452</u> |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Investments at Contract Value | - | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 8,623,074 | - |
| Other receivables | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>1,532,006,520</u> | <u>1,656,452</u> |
| Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>523,142</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Investments | <u>\$1,531,483,378</u> | <u>\$ 1,656,452</u> |

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G. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024.

- Insurance Company General Account - Valued at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit worthiness of the issuer.

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G. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

- Pooled Separate Accounts and Collective Trusts – These investments are investment vehicles valued using the unit value provided by the administrator of the fund. The unit value is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The unit value is an input other than a quoted price that is observable. Therefore, these investments are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes that its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with those of other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measure at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Master Trust's at Fair value as of December 31, 2024. As required by ASC Topic 820, assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Pooled Separate Accounts | \$ - | \$ 1,427,223,139 | \$ - | \$ 1,427,223,139 |
| Collective Trust | <u>-</u> | <u>1,338,183</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,338,183</u> |
| Investments at Fair Value | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,428,561,322</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,428,561,322</u> |

H. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:

Notes receivable from participants qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Plan Management has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events that may require disclosure in the Plan's financial statements through September 30, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there were no additional disclosures is required.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

THE CONTRACTORS RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES

December 31, 2024

| <u>Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party</u> | <u>Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value</u> | <u>Current Value</u> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| *Notes Receivable – Participants | Interest rates ranging from 5.25% - 9.50% | <u>\$ 374,444</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$ 374,444</u> |

*Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

Cost information has been omitted as it is not required for participant-directed transactions under an individual account plan.

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Name of Plan: The Contractors Retirement Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: North-Eastern Tree Service Inc.
EIN No.: 05-0401011, Plan No. 002
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets
Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2024

| (a) | (b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value | (d) CURRENT VALUE |
|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | Contractors Ret Plan Master Trust | 103-12 IE | \$ 2,145,057 |
| * | Participants | Notes Receivable with interest rates of 5.25% to 9.50% | \$ 374,444 |
| TOTAL PLAN ASSETS | | | \$ 2,519,501 |

* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan